

REMARKS

The cross-references to related applications have been updated in accordance with the Examiner's request.

Claims 27, 33, 34, 37, and 39-41 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hyder in view of Williams. Claims 28-29 and 38 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hyder in view of Williams and further in view of Garney and further in view of APA. Applicant thanks the Examiner for the courtesy of the telephone interview held July 27, 2004. The rejection and the references were discussed. Given that this application is under final and Applicant's interest in expedited issuance of a patent, the rejected claims will be pursued in a continuation application.

Claims 30-32 and 35-36 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Thus, in order to put the present application in condition for allowance, claims 30, 31, 32 and 35 have been rewritten in independent form. Claim 33 has been replicated several times so as to depend from these allowable claims. The rejected claims have been cancelled for pursuit in a later filed continuation application.

The current application is in condition for allowance and early notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

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